accordance with the National Curriculum Framework, to ensure that textbooks do not contain any material/reference likely to hurt the sentiments of any section of the society.

Rejection of Mahajan Committee Recommendations in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

2813. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Baldeo Mahajan Committee's recommendations, earlier accepted by the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in 2000, have since been rejected in 2001, without even implementing the same; and

(b) if so, the details and the rationale of such a decision of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Baldev Mahajan Committee were not implementable because the flexible budget which was a prerequisite for the implementation of these recommendations could not be provided by the Govt. It was therefore decided with the approval of Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan not to implement the recommendations.

AICTE Norms for Fees in Engineering Colleges

2814. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned, "Irregularities in Gujarat engineering College", appearing in the Hindu of 6th September, 2001;

(b) whether All India Council of Technical Education has laid down guidelines for charging fees by the engineering institutions;

(c) if so, the reasons for charging hefty fee by the institution; and

(d) the action being taken against the institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Nirma Engineering College is affiliated to the Gujarat Unviersity and the AICTE has approved the computer engineering course being conducted by the institute with an intake of 120 students upto 2001-2002 academic session.

(b) to (d) The AICTE notified regulations fixing norms and guidelines for charging tuition fees. As per the guidelines, tuition and other fees for professional colleges are determined by state Level Fee Committees. Complaints on irregularities in charging fees, if any, need to be lodged with the state Government concerned. However, AICTE has been advised to look into the matter reported in the news-item.

Outlay for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2815. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) how the States would be participating in the scheme;

(c) how many institutions are planned to be opened in the next five years, State-wise;

(d) the funds outlay for this, State-wise; and

(e) whether the system would go through the same syllabus, as presently adopted for elementary education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The objectives of SSA are as follows:

All children in school/Education Guarantee Centre/Alternate School, 'Back to School' camp by 2003;

All children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007;